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1. The food situation in Württemberg-Hohenzollern, as well as in other lands of the French Zone, promises to be slightly better during the coming winter than in the past one. Due partly to the excellent fruit harvest, 1300 calories a day have been distributed during the past few months, and it is hoped that this daily standard can be maintained through the winter. If so, it will be partly because the French authorities have reduced to the normal consumption level the rations for partial self-sufficers (Teilselbstversorger), who form a considerable section of the Württemberg population.
2. The issue depends, however, upon the French authorities keeping their promise to leave in Land Württemberg all agricultural products above the official quotas to be removed for the occupation forces, for Berlin, and for the Saar. These quotas, based on harvest estimates made by a combined French-German commission, are more favorable than the original French estimates. The Minister of Agriculture, Weiss (UDU), plans to follow a rapid procedure for distributing rations to consumers so that there will be no chance for last-minute changes.
3. The potato harvest was so much better than in 1946 that the Minister of Agriculture hopes to be able to issue two to three zentners of potatoes per person. The quota for the occupying power is 40,000 tons. According to Weiss, Württemberg will furnish no potatoes to Rheinland, Pfalz this year, since that Land refused last winter to assist Württemberg with supplies.
4. The sugar situation is bad, and the fat situation may possibly necessitate a decrease in the present ration of 120 grams. The Württemberg government plans to alleviate this condition by increasing the proportion of pork in the meat allowance. According to several sources, two-thirds of Württemberg meat production goes to the French, an amount estimated at twenty percent more than normal consumption needs.
5. An order of Administrator General Laffon providing that no barley or corn is to be fed to cattle and that villages not fulfilling their delivery quotas will have their rations reduced has been issued to the Land governments but not yet published. It is under discussion with Gouvernement Militaire because the Württemberg government feels that it imposes a special hardship on a Land whose economy is based on agriculture and cattle raising.

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